



Expert Witness Testimony

Who Is It For: For expert witnesses or expert witnesses in training in any field of expertise.

Course Overview: Do you like doing forensic expert work but dread the thought of going to court? Is the court getting as much as it should from your expert evidence? Being a skillful expert does not automatically make you a good expert witness. Giving compelling expert evidence requires training and practice. The courtroom will be less intimidating and you will be a better witness if you are prepared and have effective strategies at the ready. This seminar is designed to teach you what to expect in court, what your role is and how to make the most out of testifying. Having important information to give is not enough. You must also be able to effectively communicate that evidence to the jury, lawyers and judge. Practical in format, this seminar will help you to become an effective witness and a true contributor to the administration of justice.

Objectives:

1. Understand the essentials of trial procedure
2. Preparing for court
3. Understand the role of the prosecutor, defense attorney and judge in the presentation of evidence
4. Know what it takes to becoming qualified as an expert witness for the first time
5. Understand the role of the expert witness
6. Knowing your limits as an expert witness
7. How to give effective and convincing testimony
8. Learn keys to effective communication with the jury
9. Understand testimonial do's and don'ts
10. How to handle direct and cross-examination
11. Understanding common defense cross-examination strategies and how to work with them
12. Understanding the importance of *Daubert* and *Frye* hearings
13. Prepare for practical moot court training

Duration: 3 days

Minimum and Maximum Number of Students: 18 / 24

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